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### **NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION INVITES HIGH-QUALITY CHARTER SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS TO JOIN THE ACHIEVEMENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND TRANSFORM OUTCOMES FOR STUDENTS IN NEVADA**

*Letters of Intent due by July 31 to launch in fall 2016 or beyond.*

**Carson City, Nevada** - Superintendent of Public Instruction Dale Erquiaga invites proven educational leaders and high-quality charter school organizations from across the country to join in launching excellent public charter schools through the newly created Nevada Achievement School District (Nevada ASD).

In its 2015 legislative session, the Nevada legislature passed Governor Sandoval's recommendations for [historic initiatives](#) to ensure that all of the state's students receive a high quality education. This legislative session included a comprehensive set of initiatives -- from expanding kindergarten, to educating English language learners, to supporting our future teachers, and more. These transformative efforts, including the Nevada ASD, demand exceptional people and organizations to execute them, ensure their success, and deliver on the promise of expanded educational opportunity for all of Nevada's students.

Schools in the Nevada ASD will serve students languishing in the state's persistently struggling public schools. Inspired by the successes of the Tennessee Achievement School District and the Louisiana Recovery School District, the Nevada ASD will empower charter school organizations to provide Nevada's most disadvantaged students with access to an excellent public education by transforming chronically struggling schools.

The Nevada ASD will launch up to six new schools each year beginning in the 2016-17 academic year. Strong charter management organizations are encouraged to submit applications to operate ASD schools, and may apply to open multiple schools opening over multiple years. The ASD application process includes differentiated applications for new and experienced applicants and an evaluation rubric based on demonstrated capacity and proven outcomes.

"The work of transforming schools is hard and requires new ways of thinking, collaboration, and additional resources," said Superintendent Erquiaga. "The Governor, State Board, and Department staff are committed to all three as we implement the

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Achievement School District. I hope organizations from around the country will join us in supporting this work on behalf of our most at risk children.”

The Nevada ASD is committed to conducting an efficient, transparent, and rigorous application process according to the following timeline:

Stage	Notes	Timeline
Notice of Intent	Please submit your Notice of Intent <a href="#">here</a> .	Due July 31, 2015
Full Application	<a href="#">Experienced Organization Application</a> <a href="#">New Organization Application</a>	Due September 30, 2015
Supplemental Requests (if applicable)	Supplemental Request Submission Form	Due November 15, 2015
Interviews (if applicable)	The Nevada Department of Education will coordinate interviews to accommodate applicant timelines to the extent possible.	By December 15, 2015
Final Applicant Approval	N/A	By January 15, 2015

For additional information, please review the Nevada ASD’s [website](#) and [applicant guidebook](#) or contact the Nevada Department of Education at [achievementschools@doe.nv.gov](mailto:achievementschools@doe.nv.gov).

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